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### Suspension Systems Plant Recertified in State's Workplace Safety and Health Program

INDIANAPOLIS (October 6, 2017) – Hendrickson International Truck Suspension Systems, Indiana Operations Plant 1 in Kendallville, achieved recertification for the 'STAR' title in the Indiana Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

“Our agency is excited to recognize those who go above and beyond to protect Hoosier workers, and so we are happy to recertify this Hendrickson International plant for this achievement,” said Indiana Department of Labor Commissioner Rick J. Ruble. “We know they’ll keep up the great work.”

The Kendallville facility assembles front and rear suspension parts for medium to heavy duty trucks, buses and recreational vehicles. Approximately 140 employees make up the staff at the plant.

For the Kendallville facility, the Total Case Incidence Rate (TCIR) for 2014-2016 is 10.9 percent below the national industry average. Additionally, the facility’s Days Away, Restricted or Job Transfer (DART) case incidence rate is 24.1 percent below the industry average for the same time period.

#### **About the Indiana Department of Labor:**

The mission of the Indiana Department of Labor is to advance the safety, health and prosperity of Hoosiers in the workplace. In order to make significant strides, we emphasize both enforcement and voluntary compliance by employers. Follow the Indiana Department of Labor on Twitter at [@INDeptofLabor](https://twitter.com/INDeptofLabor) and Like on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor](https://www.facebook.com/IndianaDepartmentofLabor).

#### **About VPP:**

The Voluntary Protection Program provides recognition to Hoosier employers that operate exemplary safety and health management systems. Certification in VPP is an achievement of status that will single employers out among their business peers as a model worksite for Hoosier workplace safety and health.

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